

HSR Authority  
Public Comment  
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Good morning.

My name is Shirley Johnson, and I lead the BIKES ONboard project for the San Francisco Bicycle Coalition.

Bicyclists are enthusiastic about High-Speed Rail. We have been working quietly behind the scenes gathering support.

We wrote a resolution for the accommodation of bicycles onboard high-speed rail, and over 30 organizations have endorsed this resolution.

Accommodating bicycles onboard will reduce the number of expensive parking spaces you'll need to build. For example, over 10% of Caltrain passengers bring a bike onboard today. Think of the cost savings for over 10% fewer parking spaces at high-speed rail stations!

Please include bicycles onboard in your planning process. A bike on the train greens the first and the last mile.

We look forward to high-speed rail operating as soon as possible. Thank you.

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## **Resolution - Accommodation of Bicycles Onboard High-Speed Rail**

Whereas Caltrain, ACE rail, Metrolink, and Coaster provide vital regional commuter rail public transit within localized regions of San Francisco, Los Angeles, and San Diego and accommodate onboard carriage of bicycles as unboxed, carry-on baggage without additional charges over passenger ticket cost and without time-of-day restrictions; and

Whereas the Capitol Corridor line provides vital intrastate rail public transit from San Jose to Auburn in the State of California and accommodates onboard carriage of bicycles as unboxed, carry-on baggage without additional charges over passenger ticket cost and without time-of-day restrictions; and

Whereas High-Speed Rail will transport tourists, students, residents, and business commuters to and from northern and southern California inter-modal transportation hubs, and bicycles provide a convenient and flexible means for passengers to access the stations and to reach their final destinations while reducing both traffic congestion and the need for parking lots; and

Whereas bicycling provides health benefits to communities by reducing both air pollution and noise pollution, and bicycling provides health benefits to riders through exercise to help curb the steep rise in maladies such as hypertension, diabetes, and obesity in America today; and

Whereas High-Speed Rail can depend on revenue from significant and consistent numbers of bicycle-dependent and bicycle-preferring customers; and

Whereas High-Speed Rail needs high volumes of passengers to succeed in offering cost-competitive transportation alternatives to air transit, buses, and the automobile; and

Whereas bicycles onboard all rail transit is an inter-modal transportation solution that is socially beneficial in reducing or eliminating reliance on the automobile, effecting a reduction of the impact of global warming and a reduction in the demand for and international conflict over petroleum resources, two of the most critically important issues in the world today; and

Whereas our Governor and the State of California have taken a leadership position in the United States with respect to constructively addressing our collective responsibility to participate in developing solutions to global warming and petroleum alternatives;

Therefore be it resolved that the undersigned encourage the California High-Speed Rail Authority to deliver an excellent and forward-thinking transportation solution of bicycles combined with train service; and

Therefore be it further resolved that the undersigned request the California High-Speed Rail Authority to establish High-Speed Rail service that accommodates onboard carriage of bicycles as unboxed, carry-on baggage without additional charges over passenger ticket cost and without time-of-day restrictions.

*See reverse side for list of supporting organizations*

## Supporters for Resolution for Bikes Onboard High-Speed Rail

Organization	Representative	Title
Bay Area Bicycle Coalition	Andrew Casteel	Executive Director
BayRail Alliance	Andy Chow	President
Bikeable Communities	Martin Howard	Chairman
bikeNewportBeach	Frank Peters	Founder
Bike San Mateo County	Steve Vanderlip	Chairman
California Association of Bicycle Organizations	Jim Baross	President
California Bicycle Coalition	David Hoffman	Executive Director
Caltrain Bicycle Advisory Committee	Shirley Johnson	Chairperson
City of Long Beach	Allan Crawford	Bicycle Coordinator
Cycle California! Magazine	Tracy Corral & Bob Mack	Publishers
Ellen Fletcher	Ellen Fletcher	Member, SVBC
Fresno County Bicycle Coalition	Edward Smith	Chair
Genentech Bicycle Club	Daniel Sherman	Co-President
Grizzly Peak Cyclists, Inc.	Mark Sapiro	President
Los Angeles County Bicycle Coalition	Alexis Lantz	Planning & Policy Director
Marin County Bicycle Coalition	Kim Baenisch	Executive Director
Move San Diego	Elyse Lowe	Executive Director
Peninsula Health Care District	Daniel Ulyot	Chair, Board of Directors
Rail*Trains*Ecology*Cycling	Richard Stowe	Founder, Director
Sacramento Area Bicycle Advocates	Walt Seifert	Executive Director
San Diego County Bicycle Coalition	Andy Hanshaw	Executive Director
San Francisco Bicycle Advisory Committee	Burt Hill	Chairman
San Francisco Bicycle Coalition	Leah Shahum	Executive Director
San Luis Obispo Bicycle Club	Robert Davis	President
Santa Cruz County Cycling Club	David Gill	President
Sierra Club, Loma Prieta Chapter	Gladwyn d'Souza	Transportation Chair
Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition	Corinne Winter	Executive Director
Train Riders Association of California	Bart Reed	Director
TransForm	Stuart Cohen	Executive Director
The Transit Coalition	Bart Reed	Executive Director
Velo Girls	Lorri Lee Lown	Founder & Coach
Walk Oakland Bike Oakland	Kassie Rohrbach	Executive Director
Walk San Francisco	Manish Champsee	Board President